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MONTREAL FOR USREP TO ICAO

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, ICAO

SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF ICAO COUNCIL

REFERENCE: MONTREAL 1383

1. WE AGREE THAT IT IS NECESSARY NOW TO LOOK AHEAD TO
CONVENING OF EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF ICAO ASSEMBLY FOR
PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE ADDITIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS.
WE BELIEVE THAT FOCUS OF US PLANNING SHOULD BE ON
ASSURING THAT ADDITIONAL SEATS ARE ALLOTTED, ONE EACH,
TO EACH OF THE THREE CATEGORIES ESTABLISHED UNDER
ARTICLE 50(B) OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION. GIVEN THIS
PRIORITY AND OUR LONG-STANDING POLICY OF NOT EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES, IT DOES NOT
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APPEAR DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME TO LOBBY IN SUPPORT OF
THE NETHERLANDS' CANDIDACY.

2. IF THE US IS TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN
AN EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF THREE CATEGORIES OF STATES
IN THE COUNCIL, IT APPEARS ESSENTIAL THAT WE OBTAIN FROM
THE COUNCIL A RECOMMENDATION SIMILAR TO THE ONE IT MADE

IN SEPTEMBER 1972 THAT THE UPCOMING EXTRAORDINARY
ASSEMBLY FOLLOW THE USUAL THREE-PART VOTING PROCEDURE
WHEREBY ONE COUNCIL MEMBER WOULD BE ELECTED FROM EACH OF
THE ARTICLE 50(B) CATEGORIES. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES

THAT THE FIRST STEP IN ATTEMPTING TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL
OUTCOME ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE SELECTIVE APPROACHES
TO COUNCIL REPS BY USREP IN MONTREAL. AS WE GET CLOSER
TO THE DATE OF COUNCIL ACTION, AND AS IT BECOMES CLEARER
WHETHER WE WILL NEED SUPPORT FROM EMBASSIES IN COUNCIL
MEMBER CAPITALS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONSIDER DEMARCHES
IN SELECTED CAPITALS. CHRISTOPHER

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